

Excerpts from Remarks by George Bush, Director of Central Intelligence, at Harvard Business School Club International Dinner, April 12, 1976

"The CIA's reservoir of dedicated people is a unique asset of the United States Government."

"The pendulum of public opinion appears to be swinging back toward the center. There is a fundamental recognition that the United States must have an intelligence capability second to none."

~~"There has never been a time when the CIA was more important than it is today."~~

"A very important part of CIA's job is assessing and understanding the perception of our country abroad."

"America is a principled and committed nation. People must come to believe that again."

"The Agency must cooperate with Congress, and Congress has to recognize that it must be able to protect the Agency's intelligence secrets."

"The recent Presidential Executive Order represents the first real mandate to the Director of Central Intelligence since 1947."

~~"A strong and vital CIA is central to a successful reorganization of the Intelligence Community."~~

"We must change our ways of dealing with the public. We must be more open in helping people understand what the CIA does."

"We must take steps to reduce overclassification and move toward declassification. Sources and methods must be protected. Trivia must not."

~~"I have never seen an organization so disciplined, ordered, or dedicated as the CIA."~~

~~"I believe that oversight of the intelligence community is necessary, and I strongly support the new measures set out by the President."~~

"You cannot conduct an intelligence agency out in the open. There must be some secrecy."

✓ "We at the CIA are trying to conduct foreign intelligence, not to weaken our country, but to strengthen it. It's those who would disclose the names of our agents abroad; it's those who believe they can recklessly reveal classified documents; it's those who would dismantle the CIA, that in reality are damaging our country."